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SUBJECT: SURVEY OF FUNERAL HOMES: DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT

REF: (A) STATE 127449, (B) STATE 191525, (C) 7 FAM 443.1

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT

A. MAXIMUM PERIOD BEFORE BURIAL:

1. WHEN BODY IS NOT EMBALMED; BURIAL MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN  
24 TO 36 HOURS AFTER DEATH. IN CASES OF DEATH DUE TO CONTAGIOUS  
DISEASE, BURIAL MAY TAKE PLACE BEFORE 24 HOURS HAVE ELAPSED  
UPON THE DECISION OF THE BOLIVIAN MUNICIPAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES.

B. EMBALMING:

DOCTORS IN ANY OF THE CLINICS OF THE MAJOR CITIES CAN  
EMBALM REMAINS. EMBALMING SHOULD BE PERFORMED MORE THAN  
24 HOURS BUT LESS THAN 36 HOURS AFTER DEATH.

C. CREMATION IS NOT PROHIBITED BY LAW, BUT THERE ARE NO  
PROPER FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN BOLIVIA.

D. CASKETS AND CONTAINERS:

WOODEN CASKETS MAY BE MADE IN MOST LOCALITIES IN BOLIVIA;  
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METAL LININGS ARE THEN SPECIALLY ORDERED AND FITTED  
WITHIN THE WOODEN CASKETS BY LOCAL FUNERAL HOME OPERATORS.  
PRIVATE COMPANIES SOMETIMES IMPORT METAL-LINED CASKETS  
FROM THE UNITED STATES.

E. EXPORTATION OF REMAINS:

BEFORE A BODY MAY BE EXPORTED FROM BOLIVIA, THE FOLLOWING  
REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET:

1. A DEATH CERTIFICATE, BASED UPON THE CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE VITAL  
REGISTRY.
2. TAX ON EXHUMATION AND EXPORTATION OF BODIES OF ADULTS \$20.00.
3. TAX ON EXHUMATION AND EXPORTATION OF BODIES OF MINORS: \$10.00.  
THE PESO BOLIVIANO IS QUOTED AT \$B 20.40 EQUALS US\$1.00.

COMMENTS:

AUTOPSIES ARE OFTEN REQUIRED UNDER LOCAL POLICE REGULATIONS, THE  
COST OF WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$150.00 FOR CHILDREN AND \$300.00  
FOR ADULTS.  
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